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## MAYOR’S REPORT

BY MAYOR JOHN D. LINK

The cold and windy weather didn’t stop this year’s Easter Egg Hunt from being held outside at Presidents Park. Although our attendance was down slightly from last year, everyone’s basket was over flowing. Thanks to all the volunteers who assembled the 6,000 plus eggs and placed them out in the grass.

Even though we had a mild winter our streets took a major hit. Our public works department is continuing to fill and patch holes. We currently take care of 52 miles of streets that are in the city limits. Our public works director and our staff engineer are compiling a list of streets that need to be upgraded and/or replaced. We should have this list by the next newsletter for everyone to review. The repairs and upgrade on Brookwood Circle will be ongoing until mid summer; those using Brookwood Circle to go to Brookwood Drive and Kinsella should take another route to get to Dudley Road. Detour signs are posted by the contractor in those areas; plan to have a little delay or to take another route.

As nice as the weather has been many are walking the “friendly mile” along Dudley Road and stopping at the new gazebo. Last week we noticed a couple having lunch before heading to Presidents Park. We again are grateful to Eagle Scout Adam Rigsby for constructing the gazebo and our public works department for putting the final touches on the surrounding area. A portion of the park area will be dedicated in memory of Mr. Bill Grady. The dedication of the park will take place June 3rd at 4 p.m. Come and sit awhile, talk awhile and enjoy before you walk the next mile.

Our annual July 4<sup>th</sup> Independence Day 5K will be celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year. This is such a great holiday tradition for a lot of families. Come out and help us celebrate by running or walking in the race or volunteer to help at registration and cheer on the participants as they come across the finish line. The Energizer Bunny has nothing on us.

Again thanks to all who helped make our fish fries a success this year. We look forward to seeing you again next year.

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RECREATION RAP

by Recreation Director

Kim Wolking

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

The Annual Memorial Day Ceremony will be held at the Veteran’s Memorial in Freedom Park on Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. This year’s ceremony will include a poem contest using the letters in the word “Soldier” for children in grades 3-5. The winner’s will read their poems at the ceremony. The city will award a \$50 savings bond to one winner in each grade level. All poems need to be submitted at the city building by May 21st. If you have any questions or would like further information, please call Kim Wolking at 331-5910.



TENNIS LESSONS

Tennis Lessons are available for children ages 6-12 years of age. The classes will be held at Presidents P a r k On Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Classes begin June 6 and run through July 2. Jacob Schriever, a senior with the Covington Catholic tennis team, will be the instructor. Children should bring a racquet and a can of balls. Entry forms are available at the city building. The cost for twelve lessons is \$90 per child.



OPEN PLAY BASKETBALL

Come join Officer Norm Milligan for some summer fun at the Edgewood Police Department’s annual summer youth basketball program. The program begins June 11th and continues every Monday and Thursday evening through July 2nd, at Freedom Park, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Children 12 and under are invited to participate in learning the basic fundamentals and to play organized basketball. This program gives children an opportunity to play basketball without competing with adults and older teens for the courts.



EDGEWOOD NIGHT AT FLORENCE FREEDOM

Join your friends and neighbors for Edgewood Night with the Florence Freedom Professional Baseball Team Friday, June 15th at 7:05 p.m. Freedom vs. Windy City Thunderbolts. There will be fireworks after the game. Stop by the city building to get your tickets; ticket price is \$8 and includes a Freedom hat to the first 100 people.

DAY CAMP

The annual Day Camp program is scheduled for June 12th-14th at Presidents Park. Day Camp is for children ages 5-8 and runs from 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. on the 12th and 13th and 9:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. on the 14th. The camp will include demonstrations, educational programs, crafts, games, entertainment and a pizza lunch on Thursday. Space is limited to the first 48 children. The registration fee is \$35.00 and includes a camp t-shirt. Children should wear play clothes and appropriate shoes each day. Many volunteers are needed for this program. If you have an older child (12-13) who needs service hours, this would be a great opportunity to work (and have fun). Please see the enclosed flyer or for further information call Kim Wolking at 331-5910.



TUESDAY EVENING CONCERT SERIES

Please see the enclosed flyer for a complete listing of this year’s concert schedule. The series begins on Tuesday, June 12th with Lee’s Junction Big Band and runs through August 21st. We have a great lineup this year. If you have questions about any of the performances, please call Kim Wolking at 331-5910.



4TH ANNUAL AMATEUR GARDENER RECOGNITION AWARD

The City of Edgewood is recognizing amateur gardeners whose personal dedication and love of gardening creates beautiful spaces, large and small that are an inspiration to all who see



them. The garden should be maintained and representative of gardening at its best. The nominee must agree to have his/her name submitted and to allow the judges to visit the garden to evaluate it. If gardening is the Nominee’s profession or he/she generates income from the garden, they are not eligible as this is an amateur award. Deadline for nominations is June 15th. Judging will be June 21st and 22nd. Awards will be presented the following week. Please see the enclosed Nomination Form or contact Kim Wolking if you have any questions or would like further information.



FREEDOM PARK YARD SALE

The city is sponsoring a yard sale on Saturday, June 16th from 9:00 a.m.–noon at Freedom Park. Residents may reserve a space at the park for \$20.00. The cost includes one table and two chairs, a garage sale permit, and our General Services Department hauling away any unwanted items to charity. The Recreation Committee will be sponsoring concessions. Residents are responsible for their own setup, pricing and petty cash. All vehicles will have to be moved to the designated parking area by 8:30 a.m. Please complete the enclosed registration form and return it to the city building by June 8th. SPACE IS LIMITED. If you have any questions please contact Kim Wolking at 331-5910.



AT THE YARD BASEBALL CAMP

At the Yard will host a three day baseball camp at Presidents Park on June 25th-27th from 8:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m. The camp is \$25 per day if you pre-register or \$30 the day of the clinic. The first day is basic fundamentals for ages 9 and under, the second day is advanced hitting and fielding for ages 10 and up, and the third day is advanced pitching and catching for ages 9 and up. Register at [www.atybtc.com](http://www.atybtc.com) or call 647-7400.

EDGEWOOD DAY AT BROOKWOOD SWIM AND TENNIS CLUB

Brookwood Swim and Tennis Club would like to offer a free day to the residents of Edgewood on June 26th with a rain day makeup on July 3rd. The pool will be open free of admission to Edgewood residents. Anyone interested in coming should bring a photo ID with them to the pool. Hours of operation are from 11:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M.



4TH OF JULY ACTIVITIES

5K RACE

The 30th Annual City of Edgewood/Insight 5K Race will begin at Presidents Park at 8:00 a.m. on July 4th. The race includes divisions for both runners and walkers. Anyone interested in participating can pick-up a registration form at the City Building or register online at [www.sprunning.com](http://www.sprunning.com) until June 30th. Pre-registration is recommended to avoid long lines on race day. We need many volunteers to work the race, distributing water, timers, etc. Please call Kim Wolking at 331-5910 if you can volunteer.



PARADE

The annual 4th of July Parade will begin at 9:30 a.m. on July 4th. The parade route is currently under review. Please watch future newsletters for more information. Plaques will be awarded to the Best Original Entry, Best Performing Entry and Best Entry Honoring the theme. This year’s theme is “Scouts Leading the Way“. Anyone interested in entering a float or vehicle in the parade must contact Kim Wolking at 331-5910 to reserve a spot.

TOURNAMENTS

The annual doubles and coed sixes sand volleyball tournament and the coed recreational softball tournament will be held on July 4th. Registration forms are available at the city building or call Kim Wolking at 331-5910.

CONCERT AT FREEDOM PARK

There will be a free concert July 4th on the “Insight” stage featuring “Red Idle” from 7:00 p.m. until the fireworks begin. Come early and enjoy the music!

FIREWORKS AT FREEDOM PARK

And of course I have saved the best for last! Rozzi’s has a special display in store for us. The fireworks begin at dusk. Bring a blanket and come early! Rain date for the fireworks is Thursday, July 5<sup>th</sup>.

Please note that the concert and fireworks display will be at Freedom Park.

VISIT OUR WEB SITE AT [WWW.EDGEWOODKY.GOV](http://WWW.EDGEWOODKY.GOV)

DEDICATION OF BILL GRADY PARK

The dedication of Bill Grady Park located on the corner of Edge Mar Drive and Dudley Road will be held on Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4 p.m. All are welcome.

FIREMAN JOE SAYS:

Each year, disasters, including floods, tornadoes, wildfires, earthquakes, blizzards, and extreme heat, affect thousands of Americans. We must always be on guard for intentional disasters such as terrorism. A disaster can strike anytime, anywhere. Every community in each state has the potential for a disaster, leaving no citizen immune from the possibility of experiencing such an event.



Disasters may give little or no warning. Sometimes people are fortunate enough to have time to prepare and take appropriate actions. Often, however, you will have no time to do anything more than take immediate action to protect yourself and those close to you.

Following a disaster, government agencies and other aid organizations may take several days to offer relief aid. Preparedness is the responsibility of every individual and family. In fact, being prepared individually, as a family, a neighborhood, or a community is the best strategy for surviving a disaster. Experience repeatedly proves that individuals and communities who prepare in advance have a greater chance of surviving and recovering from a disaster. In short, nothing replaces proper preparedness.

Be informed! We can offer suggestions and advice on how to plan for and prepare for such a disaster. Feel free to contact me by phone, 578-3099 or email at [firemanjoe@edgewoodky.gov](mailto:firemanjoe@edgewoodky.gov)

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